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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7181**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 467

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 6, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Early Voting.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Schneider

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *In-Person Absentee Voting-* The bill reduces the period during which in-person absentee voting may occur at the office of the circuit court clerk or a satellite office established by the county election board to the period that begins on the Saturday immediately preceding election day and ends at noon on the day before election day. The bill allows an absent uniformed services voter who is eligible to vote in-person by absentee ballot in the circuit court clerk's office to continue to do so during the period specified by current law.

*Repealer-* The bill repeals a provision that allows a county election board to establish, before a primary conducted in a municipal election year, a municipal election, or a special election, specific days and hours during which in-person absentee voting may occur at the office of the circuit court clerk.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *In-Person Absentee Voting-* Depending on the county, the bill could save some expense if absentee voter boards traveled fewer days to record absentee votes. Election board expenses would decline if fewer Saturdays were worked by staff as a result of this bill.

*Repealer-* This provision would likely not result in large expenditure savings. Given that it is a local option to

establish early voting hours during election cycles, the specific impact would only affect those counties that have adopted a resolution for early voting during a municipal primary, municipal general, or special election in the past and would likely adopt a resolution again.

*Background Information:* Under current law, absentee voter boards are available for absentee voting up to 29 days prior to noon the day before election day. Absentee voter boards are required to be available at the office of the circuit court clerk for at least seven hours for each of the two Saturdays preceding election day.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County election boards, absentee voter boards.

**Information Sources:**

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